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The Pinkertons have been put on the list of the "must-go's."

HOUSTON PRESS: Talk is cheap, but it is sometimes useful. Always talk up your town.

THE delegates to the Brussels conference could not arrive at any mutual understanding on the money question. Perhaps the business was conducted in Volapik, which would account for the lack of understanding.

CHICAGO boasts of a lone high wayman who "holds up" people on the streets in broad daylight and relieves them of their surplus cash, watches, etc. He even has the audacity to rob policemen. Chicago is not to be outdone when it comes to sensations.

MR. FOSTER, the great weather prophet, tells people that the moon was once one of these erratic bodies known as comets, but yielded to the earth's attraction and concluded to stay with us. Perhaps early habits may explain why she is so changeable.

THERE seems little doubt that the great statesman, James G. Blaine, is on his deathbed, and perhaps ere this is read, he will have answered *adsum* to the calls which takes him from the haunts of men into the ranks of the great silent army. His death will be universally regretted, regardless of party prejudices.

EDITOR BROWN of the San Antonio Express delivers a lecture on the evils of the present jury system. We remember reading some thing very similar once upon a time, in the columns of the *Icono clast*. The great abuses under the present jury system, under which hundreds of red-handed murderers walk the earth "Scott free," does undoubtedly demand attention from the guardians of the nation.

THERE are a good many applicants for the position as minister to our neighboring republic. It can plainly be seen that the Mexican mission is growing yearly more important, as the necessity for closer trade relations becomes more apparent, and the number of American citizens with great property interests in Mexico is rapidly increasing. The strongest and wisest of all our foreign ministers should be placed in this position.

THE monetary conference has adjourned without arriving at any satisfactory conclusions. What else could be expected of a conglomeration of Englishmen, Frenchmen, Germans, Spaniards, and Americans? Each nation has more or less contempt for individuals belonging to other nations. Could French men be expected to agree to a proposition submitted by Germans, with the very cordial hatred that exists between the two? And could the lordly English Rothschilds submit to a plan originated by any other nation, and especially by the Yankees, whom they hold in such abhorrence?

LIEUT. CHATFIELD'S LETTER.

We publish today a letter from Lieutenant Chatfield in which he rather ridicules the present efforts being made to organize for the purpose of building a railroad from here to Laredo. We are glad he has spoken, as the only way to overcome opposition is by meeting it openly. With the lieutenant's permission, we wish to say that although he has shown great sagacity in his plans for irrigating this country, and while we hope and believe that his plans will be crowned with success, yet we cannot but think his views on the railroad question just a little contracted. It is true, this country has just passed through an unprecedented drouth, and many of the people have been reduced to dire want thereby, and that during the drouth the land did not and could not produce enough to feed the population. But look at what the country has done in years past. Although but a small portion of the land has never been cultivated, yet the amount produced has been more than sufficient to supply the demand, so we are informed. And look at this country today—since the drouth is a thing of the past. It is difficult to believe that it has suffered such a drouth, with grass growing everywhere and cattle looking so well. Go to our city market any day and you will see every variety of vegetable in the greatest abundance, all the products of this drouth-stricken country. Although the rains came very late, yet some corn and cotton have been produced here. Why, we have often heard the very fact that we have no railroad to transport our produce raised as an objection to extensive irrigation. Not long since a man said to the editor of this paper: "Of what use would irrigation be to this country without railroads to transport your products?" We would not be understood, however, as wishing to belittle Lieutenant Chatfield's irrigation scheme. On the contrary, we think it of the greatest importance to this entire section, but we believe that if we obtain a railroad it will only further his scheme and hasten the realization of it. As to inducing foreign capital to build a road for the people, that has not entered the calculations of those who are agitating the question. Their idea is to build for themselves. Laredo will meet Brownsville half way. Santa Maria, Edinburg, Rio Grande City, and all prominent land owners along the entire route will be expected, of course, to contribute their quota towards building such a road. As to the "starving poor," the building of a railroad would immediately relieve the country of such by giving them work, and would also relieve our good people of the necessity of supporting any but the aged and decrepit.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Brownsville for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 10th 1893, as provided in by laws.

J. D. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Why Not Have Both?
Editor HERALD.

The "pointer" from the Galveston News in your Tuesday's issue, should be a convincing proof of the necessity for immediate action, by the people of this section, in order that they may not be "left out in the cold" for another forty years while Galveston and Houston, with less than one-half the natural advantages possessed by the Lower Rio Grande country, reap the benefits of judicious advertising and liberal inducements for the investment of capital.

Your columns have teemed with arguments and pleadings for the building of a railroad from Brownsville to Laredo, for several days past, and I have watched with interest this evidence of "life in the old land." Yet, with all due deference to "Rambler" and the skillful director of the sanctum sanctorum, I must say that I am convinced they are tackling the wrong horn of the dilemma. Let me ask you a question. What is there in this section, at present, to induce or warrant the building of a railroad from, or to, this "Future Gateway to Mexico?" You have a four years' drought yawning at your back. The land is not producing enough to feed your population. What is there, then, to attract capital into such a forlorn hope as building a railroad into a community burdened with starving poor? Nothing! No railroad will enter this county or get farther than twenty miles from this county seat, until the people wake up to the fact that capitalists expect a fair promise of return for the good money they invest in any enterprise.

If the people of this section want railroads, as well as every other luxury which wealth will bring, let them rub their eyes and arouse themselves to the standing offer which I have made to irrigate their lands. And after their lands are provided with irrigation, let them parcel them out to the thousands of buyers who will eagerly purchase them at a fair price. Away with this lethargy. Arise to the situation and secure railroads—or flying machines if you prefer them. You would have the money to buy both if you wished. I tell you candidly, if the people of this section wish to rise with one bound from poverty to wealth, from depression to happiness, with occupation for the poor, banishment for bandits, and a glorious future for their progeny, they will say less about railroads and secure the prime factor for building railroads—development of the Lower Rio Grande country by means of irrigation.

I would not hesitate a moment to guarantee three railroads into this section within as many years, if the landowners will all follow the example of a few far-sighted gentlemen, grant me the concession I have asked for and allow me to irrigate their lands for nothing. Your readers all know where to find me. I am here for business. I mean business. Let's get to business, and make this section the site for the next World's Fair. It can be made one of the wonders of the world in short order by the simple magic of water.

W. H. CHATFIELD,
Lieut., U. S. Army.

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